

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

MARTINE THORNTON, L.P.N.  
License # NP 06903800

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about October 11, 2013, a letter of inquiry was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board at her address of record by certified and regular mail, asking for information and documentation concerning an arrest on October 7, 2013 for possession of prescription legend drugs or stramonium preparation. The certified mailing was returned, marked "not deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The United States

Postal Service indicates that respondent moved and left no forwarding address. The regular mailing was also returned, marked "unable to forward."

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h..

4. In light of respondent's conviction, and the June 10, 2014 arrest, respondent is subject pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f) as a condition for continued licensure or reinstatement, to submit to evaluation and monitoring to evaluate whether her continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on November 4, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a \$500.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon the respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the order was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing of the order was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the

mailings were sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, <sup>2015</sup>

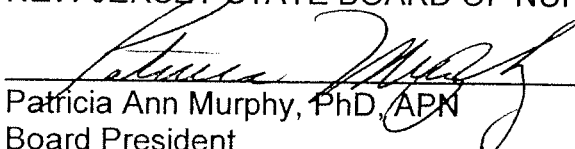
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has provided the Board with a valid mailing address and has fully responded to the Board's inquiry; and until she has undergone evaluation and monitoring under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), and RAMP indicates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing..

2. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, NJ 07101, within 21 days of the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President